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REMARKSIntroductory Matters

Claims 1-6, 9, 11, and 12 are pending in this application. Claims 1-6, 11 and 12 stand allowed. Claim 9 stands rejected.

Applicant has amended claim 9 to recite an amended list of diseases.

The Official ActionClaim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Examiner contends that the specification, "while being enabling for preserving cells or organs or treating arthritis with the instant compound, does not reasonably provide enablement for various diseases embraced in the claims." Applicants traverse. Nevertheless, in order to expedite prosecution, applicants have amended claim 9 for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 9 is directed to the subject matter that the Examiner considers enabled (i.e., preserving cells or organs and for treating arthritis). Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this 112, first paragraph rejection.

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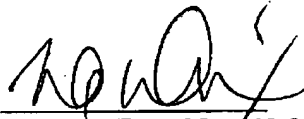
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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments presented above, applicants believe that pending claims 1-6, 9, 11, and 12 are all in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant requests that the Examiner enter the above amendments, consider the foregoing remarks, and allow the pending claims to issue.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for careful review of this application. If it is believed that a telephone call would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned anytime at (617) 444-6396.

Respectfully submitted,



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